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HONOLULU, H. I., JUNE 26, 1900.

Every property-holder should assist Superintendent McCandless in his work of numbering the houses of Honolulu.

Brother Flint, you and The Republican are pretty good single-handed runners when it comes to getting the streets numbered, aren't we?

Honolulu has had some great celebrations of the Fourth of July in years past. Now that Hawaii is a full-fledged Territory of the great American Union, the celebration of this year should exceed all the rest.

In arranging the division points for numbering the houses, why not make Niuamua avenue the dividing line east and west and let all the streets parallel with that avenue begin numbering from the water-front and continue to their termini?

The ponderous morning contemplation of the city is no need for house numbering or free mail delivery in Honolulu. Of course not, cow paths and unpaved streets are good enough for anyone. What does Honolulu want to adopt modern ideas and metropolitan airs for?

The Republican trusts that the establishment of a new rifle range will arouse interest in the National Guard. After having had as good a National Guard as Hawaii has ever possessed for a number of years, it would be a shame to allow it to decline. A good citizen soldiery is a safeguard for the State of the greatest possible value.

The meeting of the heads of the Territorial administration yesterday that a special election would not be called. The Republican's suggestion to call the Legislature elected in November together in special session about December 1st met with general approval, and that course will no doubt be decided upon.

Now to carry on the good work of framing a model charter for Honolulu, and we will continue to the first Legislature after having received the approval of the majority of the residents and freeholders in the city. Why cannot the Chamber of Commerce or the Civic Federation take the initiative in calling a public meeting for that purpose?

Honolulu will bid Goodspeed to the departing guests of the French warship Protet as they welcomed their coming. Commodore Germain and Captain de Espinay and their men have won a warm place in the hearts of the people of this beautiful city, and if the fates so will it that they visit Honolulu again next year, they can return with an assurance of a most hearty welcome.

Evidently there are many people who are not object to a Sunday paper, for had it not been for the information published exclusively in The Republican in its Sunday issue few people would have known that there was to be so interesting a ceremony as military high mass in Honolulu. Although it is the first time since the overthrow that such a ceremony has been held in Honolulu, not a paper, excepting The Republican, had a line about it until after it was all over.

An important reform has been instituted by the French Minister of War, General Gallifet, through an order forbidding the sale of absinthe, brandy and other spirits in French camps and barracks. There has been an alarming increase of late in the amount of drunkenness, and in insanity caused by the excessive use of liquor, in the French army, and General Gallifet's order, restricting the sale of liquors to soldiers to wine and beer, is recognized as a great advance toward temperance.

The man who prepared the new street signs for the city, and labelled that part of King street east of the Kawaiaha church South King street, must have been something of a practical joker, or else he must have learned to "box the compass" after the Irishman's pattern. From the slight bend in the street near the church on out to its terminus it runs nearly due east, bearing about 16 degrees south. The street signs will no doubt be changed to read East King street, as they should be.

The Republican suggested a way a few days ago for property-owners in old Chinatown to prevent the erection of firetraps in that district. It was for owners to get together and sign a written agreement not to erect any building which does not comply with the regulations of the fire district. Now the Board of Fire Underwriters propose to take a hand by advancing the rates on wooden buildings to a figure that will make insurance practically prohibitory. Good for the fire

underwriters. A fireproof Chinatown is what every progressive resident of the city wants to see, and they will applaud any act that tends to bring it about.

The Republican party made a very good start at the recent Territorial convention, and it behooves every member of the Territorial committee, to see to it that no personal ambitions are allowed to interfere with harmonious work for the good of the entire party. When the secretary of the convention was chosen it was with the understanding that he would be made secretary of the Territorial committee, when organized. Lincoln said it was not a good idea to swap horses while crossing a stream, and the committee would do well to bear this homily in mind in electing a secretary of the Territorial committee.

HOUSES WILL BE NUMBERED.

At the meeting of the Governor's advisors yesterday Mr. McCandless, the Superintendent of Streets, brought up the question of house numbering, as advocated by The Republican. After a pretty full discussion of the subject, the Superintendent was authorized to immediately call upon the Survey Department for plans of the city, to establish a dividing line and begin at once the numbering of the houses in Honolulu upon the Philadelphia, or block system.

This means that, despite the opposition of a few slowcoaches, who would like to see grass growing in Honolulu's streets, and who pine for the days when everyone went barefooted, the city is to have an up-to-date system of house numbering and with it free mail delivery. It means that Honolulu is to be in fact, as well as in name, a modern and progressive American city; that it will keep progress in every way with its wonderful growth and great business prosperity.

The Republican naturally feels very proud of the action taken by the Governor and his official family. This paper stood alone in urging that a uniform system of street numbering be adopted at once. It pointed out the manifest advantages of the Philadelphia system, and it alone secured from Mr. Flint, the special inspector for the Postoffice Department, the information that free mail delivery could not be secured until the houses were numbered.

NEW PLUMBING REGULATIONS.

The Board of Health is to be commended for the strict plumbing regulations it has adopted. There is no menace to public health so dangerous as that of defective plumbing. At this time typhoid fever is so prevalent in Honolulu as to be dangerously near epidemic. With pure artesian water, such as the city is supplied with, it is manifest that the disease germs do not come from the water, as is so often the case where typhoid prevails. There is no doubt in the minds of those who have given the subject any attention that practically all the typhoid in this city now is traceable to defective plumbing.

There have been no regulations worthy of the name, and as Inspector Duffy well says, the Chinese and Japanese plumbers haven't the first conception of how the work should be done. They have been employed because they were cheap, and this very cheapness is now being dearly paid for in the lives of innocent people.

It is as important for the public welfare that plumbers should pass an examination as to their fitness for the work in hand as that doctors should be licensed in medicine. We have been licensing almost every calling having the remotest bearing upon public health, except plumbers, and it is high time to license them and to impose the most severe penalties upon anyone doing defective work.

But the board proposes to go further than this and require every plumber to file plans of his proposed work, and have an inspector to see to it that the plans are fully carried out and none but the latest and most approved sanitary construction permitted. The board will receive the hearty support of every progressive resident of Honolulu for taking the stand it has, even if it does make plumbing in new buildings a little higher than heretofore.

Saved by the Ace of Spades.

A remarkable instance of a soldier's escape from death is given in a letter from a recruit from the front. The writer, a member of Nesbitt's company, was in action at Prieska, a gusher of the Forty-fourth Battery, Royal Field Artillery, was struck in the left breast by a rifle bullet. He was unhurt and found that the bullet had lodged in a pack of cards that he had in the pocket of his khaki jacket. It had passed through the whole pack and came out the ace of spades. The Forty-fourth was the battery which accompanied the City Imperial Yeomanry during their operations at Prieska.

Good as Lowell Any Day.

James Russell Lowell was a great student of Lowell. One day, while in England, he entered a South Shields restaurant, and sat down opposite a barefooted Shields yokel who had been waiting for the people to come in. "Bring me a yam tea," said the yokel, and the yokel leaned his elbows upon the table. "Bring me a yam tea," said the yokel, and the yokel leaned his elbows upon the table. "Bring me a yam tea," said the yokel, and the yokel leaned his elbows upon the table.

Where Taxes Are Unknown.

Lord's Island, on the coast of Maine, near historic Pemaquid, in the Lincoln county town of Bristol, is one of the very few places on earth where there are no taxes, says the Portland Press.

This island, otherwise known as Muscongus, was overlooked when Maine became a State and was put into no town or county. It is said that during the war the people cast their votes for a time in the town of Bristol until some election officer discovered the illegality of the vote. The island was first settled by John Lord, a deserter from a British man-of-war, and his great-grandchildren are now prominent inhabitants. By voluntary contributions school is maintained there, parents paying \$1 for each child. The school term averages eight months in each year, and there is an average attendance of 18 scholars. Catching bait for the fishermen of Boston, Gloucester, and Portland is the most profitable business of the people, but will wait to stock in running their own fishing factory opposite the island in Bristol. After a successful haul of bait a large white flag is hoisted on the high ground in the center of the island. With a glass it may be discovered far out to sea, where the Great Eastern and others, like buzzards attracted by the casualties of battle. The people have comfortable homes and are prosperous and contented. Like the fishermen of Deer Isle, they are famous for their skill as sailors.

The National Cashbox.

The statement of cash in the United States Treasury for June 1st is as follows: Reserve Fund—\$150,000,000.00 Gold coin and bars—\$22,884,179.00 Silver dollars—\$415,475,000.00 Silver dollars of 1890—\$8,134,104.00 Silver bars of 1890—\$7,126,896.00 United States notes—\$4,785,000.00 General Fund—\$4,028,065.33 Gold coin and bars—\$2,324,880.00 Silver certificates—\$9,997,351.00 Silver dollars—\$4,337,445.00 Silver bullion—\$1,724,441.00 United States notes—\$1,140,067.00 Treasury notes—\$80,241.00 National bank notes—\$6,512,189.22 Fractional silver coin—\$6,015,488.27 Fractional currency—\$1,957.78 Minor coin—\$48,640.15 Miscellaneous—\$75,432.21 National Bank Depositories—\$105,235,525.33 Or, Treasurer U. S.—\$1,026,836.89 May 1, 1900—\$1,026,836.89

Coinage of the Mint.

The coinage of the United States mints for the current fiscal year ending June 1st is as follows: Double eagles—\$1,212,290.00 Eagles—\$1,212,290.00 Half eagles—\$1,212,290.00 Quarter eagles—\$1,212,290.00 Standard dollars—\$1,212,290.00 Half dollars—\$1,212,290.00 Quarter dollars—\$1,212,290.00 Dimes—\$1,212,290.00 Nickels—\$1,212,290.00 Cents—\$1,212,290.00 Total—\$1,212,290.00

RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

Clemente wanted to talk politics, but was arrested. Clemente, a student at the University of Hawaii, was arrested Saturday evening at the corner of Hotel and Fort streets, where he was haranguing a crowd on the plaza. He was told to stop by Captain Parker. He stood upon his constitutional rights, however, and refused the officer's invitation to rent a hall and talk out a license. The right of free speech was given him by the Constitution and he did not propose to have any of his prerogatives abridged by the laws of a despotic government. The street was so small and he would speak there, or not.

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politics for the Democratic party, and the doctor would not let him out. Dr. McGraw did not let him out, however, but E. F. Womersley came to the station and deposited the requisite amount to liberate the doctor.

NATIONAL GUARD GOSSIP.

New Rifle Buys Badly Needed.

Re-enlistments Slow.

The High Sheriff has offered the use of the jail range to the National Guard on Sundays. The old Kakaako barracks, where the guardsmen previously practiced, was turned into a pesthouse during the plague epidemic, and they cannot be used again, as the new Honolulu Iron Works plant at Kakaako makes so much smoke that the targets at the old barracks are not visible. The military authorities are arranging to move them about 200 feet. What they will again be serviceable. The lack of opportunity to shoot has been a great deal of the time from the exercises. One company, whose members are crack shots, had only 18 men in line at a recent parade. Another company dropped 10 men this week for non-attendance at drill.

Since the regiment was ordered back from Kaili over 200 discharges have been made out. The enlistment of some of the men expired during the quarantine service, but they continued in the ranks as long as there was need of them. Some have re-enlisted, but many have dropped out, or soon will. A good many of the boys have had all the "soldiering" they want.

The old Hawaiian buttons the boys were so attached to are now "tabu." Uncle Sam's regulation uniform is now the order of the day.

Captain T. B. Murray is now serving his term as commanding officer of Company A. The other companies which have held elections have changed their officers. Hester is still Company A. Captain T. B. Murray is now serving his term as commanding officer of Company A. The other companies which have held elections have changed their officers. Hester is still Company A.

SOME SPORTING ITEMS.

Local Flyers to Meet—Cricket and Basketball.

Saturday morning papers for a race between Dr. Posey's, Ahimann and Tom Hollinger's Aggravation were signed. The agreement calls for a burst of seven-eighths of a mile weight for age, and for a purse of \$500. The contest will be held at 3:30 at Kapiolani Park next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A forfeit of \$125 has been posted.

A PORTUGUESE WEDDING.

Two Weddings According to Customs of Old Portugal. There was a pretty wedding at the Catholic Cathedral Saturday evening. Miss Bella Bares and Sergeant Manuel Souza, were married by Father Valente. The cathedral was beautifully decorated with flowers and lighted with gas. The wedding party stepped from their carriages and came down the long center aisle in the order laid down in the customs of old Portugal. They presented a very interesting and typical Honolulu scene.

TALE OF A COAT.

Victim of a Practical Joke Fined Five Dollars and Costs. J. H. Schnack was fined \$5 and costs in the Police Court yesterday morning for using language more forcible than polite towards William Savidge. The law had been called in to terminate a huge joke that has kept Merchant and Fort streets in a broad grin for the past four days.

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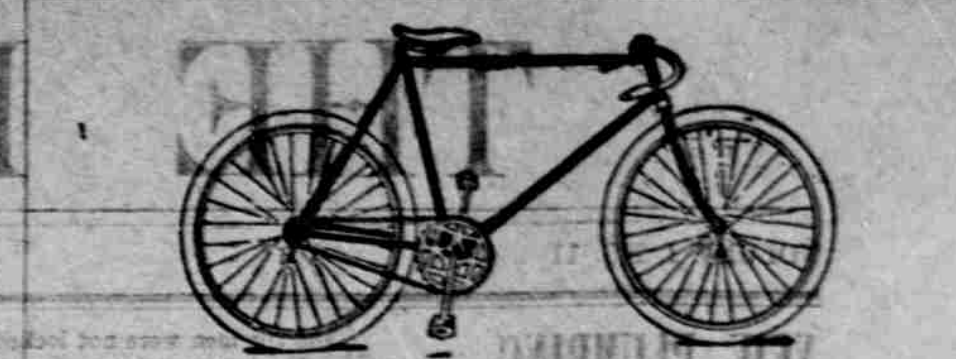
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